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Here, in the suburbs,  
In the twentieth century,  
Can tell you  
What is new:  
Youth wears beauty  
In its hair,  
The wrinkled old  
Put roses there;  
When love is done  
We seek it more:  
Sappho is gone,  
But in the store  
The secrets of the goddess Love  
Are plastic poetry, and we  
May for the proper price recover  
Our sex appeal and take a lover.

SANFORD STERNLICHT

### CONVERSATION WITH VESUVIUS

I asked the fire:  
"When you come,  
find us together.  
We wish to be  
one shadow  
on the broken wall."